

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A test paper comprising a porous membrane having a function of separating an object that should be filtered out from a sample by filtration and carrying thereon a reagent capable of giving a color by reaction with a specified component in the sample,

wherein said porous membrane has a first layer having a surface to which a sample is supplied and a second layer having a surface at which the sample is percolated and measured,

said first layer being made of large-sized pore portions whose section density is 40% or less, with a surface of said first layer being a smooth surface having apertures thereat, said second layer being made of small-sized pore portions whose section density exceeds 40%, with a surface of said second layer having apertures thereat, ~~a boundary between said first layer and said second layer being located from the surface of said first layer within a range of 1/5 to 1/2 of a thickness of the porous membrane~~, and

wherein said porous membrane has a thickness of 50 to 200 μm and a porosity of 60 to 95%, said first layer has an average pore size of 0.5 to 10 μm in the surface thereof, ~~[[and]]~~ said second layer has an average pore size of 0.1 to 3.0 μm in the surface thereof, and said second layer has a surface glossiness according to JIS Z8741 not higher than 11.

Claims 2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The test paper according to Claim 1, wherein a material for said porous membrane is made of polyether sulfone.

5. (Original) The test paper according to Claim 1, wherein said sample is a blood and said object that should be filtered out contains blood cells.

6. (Currently Amended) A porous membrane which comprises a first layer having a surface and a second layer having another surface,

wherein said first layer is made of large-sized pore portions whose section density is 40% or less, with a surface of said first layer being a smooth surface having apertures thereat, said second layer is made of small-sized pore portions whose section density exceeds 40%, with a surface of the second layer having apertures thereat, ~~and a boundary between said first layer and said second layer is located from the surface of said first layer within a range of 1/5 to 1/2 of a thickness of said porous membrane~~, and

wherein a membrane thickness ranges from 50 to 200 μm , a porosity ranges from 60 to 95%, said first layer has an average pore size of 0.5 to 10 μm in the surface thereof, [[and]] said second layer has an average pore size of 0.1 to 3.0 μm in the surface thereof, and said second layer has a surface glossiness according to JIS Z8741 not higher than 11.

7. (Currently Amended) The porous membrane according to Claim 6, wherein a ratio between the average ~~sizes~~ pore size in the surface of said first layer and the average pore size in the surface of said second layer is in the range of 1 to 6.

Claims 8. – 9. (Canceled)